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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2005, the period of response for which runs through March 15, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.